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1. At 1500 hours GMT on 7 July, there were two formations of naval vessels north of the mouth of the Kola Inlet. One group, consisting of twelve destroyers, all alike, followed by two larger vessels, both alike, followed by about ten destroyers of the same type as the first twelve, was on a northerly course at a speed of about 20 knots. The formation sailed in column and held the same course as long as it The larger vessels had a long could be observed. (See Sketch No. 1.) forecastle with a gun mount, a large superstructure and a structure over the bridge, a heavy tripod mast with antennas abaft the bridge, a funnel abaft the mast, a flared hull at the funnel, a substantial tripod mainmast with antennas forward of the after funnel, a break in the deck abaft the after funnel, and a cruiser stern. The other formation, consisting of twelve submarines and a tender, was about six nautical miles off the mouth of the Kola Inlet. The vessels sailed in column led by the tender, at an interval of one to one and one-half nautical miles and at a speed of seven or eight knots on an east-northeasterly course. There were two types of submarines, both

about 180-190 feet long.

There was a distinct point rising from the

bow, a rounded deck, and a streamlined conning tower. Forward on the tower there was a pole topped by a round frame grillwork with a black ball at the lower edge of the frame. It appeared as if it might be a type of direction finder. There was a periscope abaft the pole just forward of the break down to a platform on the after portion of the tower, where two simple antiaircraft guns were mounted, one pointed forward and the other pointed aft. There was an elliptical drum half-way between the tower and the stern. (See Sketch No. 2) The other ten were somewhat different from the first two. They had the same bow

but the profile of the tower was different and neither the deck nor the tower were rounded but looked right-angled.

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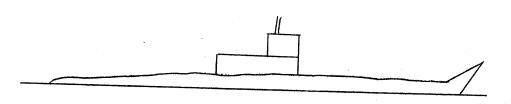
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